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"Cat Keys" Viewed As Concealed Weapons

by Wendy Townley

The city prosecutor's office recently announced that the popular self-defense weapons, known as "cat keys", could be considered a concealed weapon.



photo by Steve Houlton

pus," McLain said on Tuesday.

The "cat key", when used against an attacker, could be viewed as a concealed weapon. "If an attacker charges a woman without a weapon, and the woman uses the cat key on him, she could be charged with assault," McLain said. "If a woman, or anyone, holds their keys between their knuckles as a means of defense, that is not an illegal act. If

The Patti Key Defender, shown at left, is the subject of a concealed weapon debate.

claimer, which is from the YWCA, says, "It (the cat key) is one of several options available to a woman when an attacker confronts her. Each individual needs to determine the options they are comfortable using when confronted. It has been brought to the attention of the YWCA that the Patti Key Defender is considered a concealed weapon if carried in a pocket or purse. Individuals who are required to go through detectors at a courthouse, an airport or other secure facility may have the Patti Key Defender taken from them. The YWCA does not endorse or guarantee the effectiveness of this product, nor does it take the responsibility for its use or misuse."

McLain met with Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Enrollment Management Mary Mudd and Assistant to Vice Chancellor Rita Henry at 4 p.m. on Tuesday. "I want to make clear that we (WRC) are cooperating with the administration 100 percent," McLain said.

The *Gateway* will have coverage of the outcome of this meeting and other events concerning the 'cat key' at a later date.

Eve McLain, director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC), has been distributing the "cat keys" to women on campus free of charge. "We (the WRC) received the "cat keys" from Omaha Steel Company's owner Ron Howlett. The brutal attack and murder of Howlett's daughter, Patti, is what prompted him to distribute these cat keys," McLain said.

The "cat keys" are also known as the Patti Key Defender, in memory of his slain daughter. "We have given these "cat keys" to approximately 500 women on cam-

pus," McLain said on Tuesday. The keys are in the woman's pocket, and they are attacked if they use the keys (they are a concealed weapon)...that's the whole joy and pain of the American system. It protects the victim as well as protecting the attacker," McLain said.

UNO is not the only place the "cat keys" have been distributed. The jurisdiction of the city prosecutor would affect not only UNO, but the entire city of Omaha.

Upon receiving a "cat key", women have also recently been given a disclaimer concerning this means of self defense. The dis-



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KBUL Signs On

by Renee Ryan

After a year of planning and countless hours of work, KBUL, the student radio station, went on the air Monday, Jan. 12 at 10:15 a.m.

Before the station broke the sound barrier, Peter Soby, sales director, introduced the new staff. Those present were, Cris Harbold, station manager, Amy Kopocis, secretary, Joe Hammon programming director, Robert Green, music director, Stacy Jo Moss, promotional assistant, Wendy Townley, news director, and Zach Bojanski, human resources director.

Soby also recognized and thanked the sponsors present from UPS, Joan Villanueva, Mario Vazquez, Claudia Lokamos, Jay Yager and Tim Sullivan. Ann Marie Sokol from Godfather's Pizza and Carl Soby from Lucent Technologies were also applauded.

Cris Harbold spoke briefly about the gratitude the students felt for the opportunity to start the station. He said, "This gives us the chance to set goals and reach them." Harbold said the staff of KBUL is grateful for the "gift of learning."

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Sanchez Swears In

by Renee Ryan

On Wednesday Jan. 14, a new chapter in the student regent position unfolded. Joey Sanchez took an oath of office in front of a crowd of distinguished UNO faculty and alumni.

Dr. Mary Mudd, vice chancellor of Student Services and Student Enrollment, opened the luncheon with a welcome. She introduced members of the faculty and called on Chancellor Belck to speak.

Belck said Sanchez should feel honored to have been selected, as leadership is important. She mentioned that Jason Winterboer had done well as student regent last year. Belck said she tells all student leaders that their roles are important, but they are here to get an education. She said Sanchez can count on the faculty for support and she wants students to have contact with him also.

Mudd introduced Sanchez with

some biographical information. He graduated from Millard South. He was a Goodrich scholarship recipient and has been on the dean's list. His major is criminal justice and he participates in many clubs. Sanchez is also a mentor at the Chicano Awareness Center.

Sanchez was sworn into office by Donal Burns, the assistant executive vice president and provost. Sanchez said he had not prepared a speech for the event. He said he was honored by the position and was looking forward to working with the students. Sanchez said, "This is the dawn of an exciting time here at UNO."

Jim Leslie, president of the board of the Alumni Association, presented Sanchez with the student regent scholarship and congratulated him.



photo by Chris Machian

Joey Sanchez was sworn into office as student regent Wednesday by Donald Burns, the assistant executive vice president provost. Sanchez declared that "This is the dawn of an exciting time here at UNO."

The UNO Career Center Worthwhile Option

by Wendy Townley

The idea of 'career planning' to many students may be a fairly new concept. These thoughts of Career Center Director Nancy Nish may partly reflect students' views, but recent data has proven that the UNO Career Center is going above and beyond its duties to serve both students and alumni of UNO.

Since the introduction of a resume preparing program known as the Resume Expert System in April 1996, over 100 students or recent graduates have reported obtaining jobs. Tools such as the Resume Expert System are what make the career center such a popular assistance option. It was also reported that over 8,000 resumes of Career Center registrants were forwarded in the 1996-1997 year. In 1996, for example, 84 percent of UNO graduates who responded to Career Center surveys indicated that their current employment is equal to their academic preparation.

The newly added Resume Expert Program allows students to build or enhance their resume. A fee is required for the use of this program. "The concept of the resume expert is pretty straight-forward," Nish said. "One side of the disk houses the student's goals, and the other side takes that information and writes a resume of answered questions and inputted information."

While the assistance of a computer is often the tool utilized, meeting with an actual person can be equally beneficial.

"We do require each student that prepares a resume to meet with a counselor to see if they have entered the information appropriately and to ensure they haven't forgot anything," Nish said.

According to Nish, the Career Center has been around awhile. "The roots of career planning come out of teacher education. It has ex-

tended the role that the career center plays in working with students," Nish said.

Initially, career information was housed in the registrar's office. As previously stated by Nish, this information mainly dealt with teacher education.

Students on deciding a career path can be assisted in many ways. The career center houses a wealth of information. "We continue to be a clearinghouse of occupational information and intern information for students at all levels," Nish said. "Many students arrive at the Career Center for financial assistance. Several students participate in work-study programs to help pay their tuition."

Not only does the Career Center provide direct information on careers, it also furnishes access to data on careers. Located at <http://cid.unomaha.edu/~career/>, students

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KBUL Signs On

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Joe Hammon was introduced as the station's founder. He said, "Everyone has crazy dreams and ideas." One year ago, his dream began and he is thankful he saw it to fruition.

The kick off festivities began with Soby, Guy Conway, Milo Bail Student Center director, and Villanueva cutting a red ribbon in front of the KBUL window to symbolize the station's official beginning. Red balloons cascaded to the ground in a festive display. Onlookers were rewarded with dollar bills inside the balloons.

As the curtain was pulled back from the station window, multicolored strobe lights and poster walls came into view. The new staff packed into the booth and the pul-

sating music began.

Throughout the day, prizes were given to listeners in the student center. At one point, the station offered a Borders' gift certificate to the student with the highest receipt total for textbooks by 1 p.m. Other prizes included free Godfather's pizzas and staff shirts from KBUL.

The music boomed from a large speaker in the fireplace hallway. The speaker was not part of KBUL, and they will be working on louder sound through their system in the future.

When asked about the sound, Harbold said, "It is good for now." Hammon added, "Today's event went very well, we are pleased with it."



photo by Chris Machian

Employee of the Year Surprised

by Wendy Townley

Administrative technician in accounting services Teresa Carlson has been awarded UNO's Employee of the Year award for 1997. Carlson also received Employee of the Month for October, 1997. Carlson will celebrate her ten-year anniversary at UNO this May.

"After graduating from college, I came to work in the accounting department here at UNO," Carlson said Tuesday.

When Carlson discovered she had been awarded Employee of the Year, she said that she was "surprised."

While working in the accounting department, Carlson supervises the accounts payable of the university. Carlson also processes the faculty and staff travel and answers general questions from university departments about finance and procedure.

"I like the challenges of making things balance," Carlson said, when asked her favorite part of working in the accounting department.

Upon receiving the Employee of the Year award, Carlson received a \$500 award.

"Teresa Carlson is the most qualified and caring employee I have worked with," said Dan Jareske, assistant manager of accounting services and Carlson's supervisor. "Teresa is responsible and a good team player; I would hate to lose her. She truly goes above and beyond the call of duty."

Administrative technician
Teresa Carlson sits near her
Employee of the Year plaque.
She also recieved a \$500 gift.



photo by Steve Houlton

Now that the October Storm clean-up is almost done, downed trees around campus are being picked up and hauled off for mulching.

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Speech Team Starts Strong

by Jennifer Martini

The UNO speech team started the spring semester off with a strong showing at the Cornhusker Invitational at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Jan. 9 and Jan. 10.

The tournament was the largest the team had participated in this season. There were a total of 23 schools at this tournament representing Virginia, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Missouri, Colorado, and Oklahoma.

Team wise, UNO placed sixth out of the 23 schools.

On an individual level, Dave Jackson placed first in prose interpretation, second in interpretation of poetry and first in duo interpretation with Christine Mixan. Mixan also placed third in persuasion.



photo by Chris Machian

The UNO Speech and Debate team took sixth place at the Cornhusker Invitational January 9th and 10th at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Stephen Croucher placed sixth in after-dinner speaking. Other students contributing to the team's success were Hyrum Wilson and Ryan Price.

This performance by UNO was good considering that most schools had 10 to 20 members on their teams,

while UNO only had five. The team would like to increase in size.

Christine Mixan said she "hopes the team grows, and that the team becomes an attraction on campus."

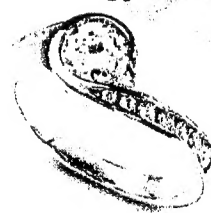
Other events UNO had at this tournament were informative, impromptu, extem-

poraneous, dramatic interpretation and communication analysis.

Head coach Melissa Jahn is very proud of the team's progress this season.

The team's next tournament is on Jan. 24 at Concordia College, in York, Neb.

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Gateway Opinion

My Alma Mater

Opinion by Sean Guilfoyle

I'm almost afraid to say it. People I meet or come in contact with will ask. I'll sheepishly reply, hoping there is not a stigma attached with some preconceived perception. No, it's not a disease. It's my high school alma mater, Platteview High School.

Even though most stereotypes about the learning facility are incorrect, it is accurate to picture a high school surrounded by nothing but gravel roads and rows of knee-high corn. A school where a class that exceeds 100 in size is large. Think of the theme from the hit show "Cheers" ("where everybody knows your name"), and you can get an idea of the microcosm that is Springfield-Platteview.

Why the hesitation? My problem is two-fold: the lack of parental guidance and supervision, and the excessive negative publicity the school has received since my graduation.

Being a small school, tragedies are brought to the forefront and heavily publicized. Fatal car accidents have negatively stereotyped the school. Suicides have also contributed to the ill-conceived perception that Platteview is nothing more than a haven for misbehaved kids. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Other incidents have compounded the image problem.

Recently, the school was recognized as one of the worst academically in the state, with 44 percent of the 430 students enrolled receiving either a D or an F grade. Their solution? A controversial pilot program that gives students with poor grades the opportunity to get extra help on three Friday afternoons during school hours in the quarter. What about the "good" students? They get to go home.

Now, if that was me, I would be screwing around, causing who-knows-what kind of trouble. Personally, I thought that I could spend two hours a day at school, attend the two classes that I really needed guidance from, and then go home after that. But, everyone is different. Some kids need every minute they can get in the classroom.

The problem, though, doesn't just lie in the hands of the school. The parents are a big part of the problem. Parents don't spend enough time supervising the progress of their

kids in academia. Johnny may get a C in computer science, but he damn well better score 20 points in the basketball game against the cross-town rivals. Kids run around unleashed. When I was in school, I knew my grades would be examined with a fine tooth comb by my parents, so I strived to do my best in all subjects, not just to satisfy them, but to satisfy myself as well.

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The ignorance of some parents can set a dangerous trend for failing students. The inability to help shape children into responsible, law-abiding citizens as high school students can leave an individual suffering negative repercussions for a lifetime. Something needs to be done to change the scores of students. How about taking away something that is the lifeblood of the school: athletics. If a student gets a D or F in a class, he or she cannot participate in that sport for the quarter. As big a supporter I am of sports, I know how important athletics can be in the eyes of a teenager. Instead of wasting valuable and precious school time, make the students come to the teachers when they can't comprehend a subject.

Just this week, the superintendent of South Sarpy School District No. 46 was alleged to be involved in some wrongdoing, bringing further detriment to the school.

Platteview has a strong academic program. Somewhere, down the line, though, we need to quit holding the hand of the high school student and give the aforementioned extremity a resounding thwack across the knuckles. Guidance, yes. Baby bottle, no.



Hidden Learning

Opinion by Renee Ryan

The lessons here on campus aren't always learned in the classroom. Some real world education happens right outside the buildings.

I realize the parking lot shortage is not new, in fact some of you may be tired of hearing about it. Instead of the usual griping and whining I want to offer the UNO parking situation as a learning experience.

The lessons learned in the limited parking scenario are many. One rule is always arrive early. Sometimes this means arriving at 7 a.m. for a 9 a.m. class and sleeping in the student center. Other times it means being a half hour early to sit and wait like a hunter stalking its prey. Both of these maneuvers can be helpful in other areas of life.

Arriving early is a good habit that can only help your career and your relationships. Planning to arrive in time for a parking space is like getting a jump on the competition.

You are better prepared and never late. Even if your dog ate your proposal or your kid spit up on your suit, if you plan for work with as much extra time as you need to park at UNO, you can overcome any obstacle to timeliness.

Next is the hunter stalking its prey move; this fine tunes many of your senses. Your eyes become razor sharp for the glimmer of tail lights ready to back out. Your nose waits for the smell of exhaust from a recently started

car. You taste the anticipation of your own spot and the validation of your parking permit. On a busy day you learn to see pedestrians miles away walking towards your lot. You read their non-verbal clues. Is their car in the first row or the second? Timing is everything. You aren't the only hunter on campus.

Along with the practical lessons, hopefully you will learn some social knowledge. For instance, first come first served is still an un-

written law that is enforced by the universe. If you don't follow this rule you will be banished to spend your next life driving in circles and never getting anywhere. You may also hear some hostile language from other would-be parkers. The other social standard is, one car per stall. This may be difficult for some to grasp but the lines on the pavement dictate where your car must fit between. There

is no reason to park in two spaces unless you are afraid of door dings. My suggestions then is to park in Elmwood like those of us without permits do. No one will hurt your precious car and the scenic hike is quite therapeutic (if the frostbite doesn't bother you).

So have a great semester and keep an eye out for those little lessons along the way. Life is a learning experience whether we like it or not.

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Correction

In the Jan. 13 issue of the Gateway, Dan Wetherell wrote a column on the Marvin Ammons case. Throughout his article he referred to Marvin as Mark. We apologize for the error.



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Americorps Volunteers Help Students Shine

by Melanie Wilson

For UNO students interested in education and children, there is an opportunity to make a difference. It's an organization called AmeriCorps.

What is AmeriCorps? It is a program sponsored by UNO and Omaha Public Schools (OPS) that allows university students to gain experience with teachers and young students.

According to a AmeriCorps pamphlet, the chief goals of the organization are "getting things done in communities, strengthening the ties that bind communities together, and developing the citizenship and skill of participants."

Members of Americorps must work between 12 and 20 hours a week, for one year, tutoring math and reading in selected Omaha elementary schools.

This organization opens the doors for careers in teaching by helping students gain teaching experience in a school setting. Through this experience, a student may become interested in a full-time teaching position or be encouraged to find out about other positions in teaching.

One of the goals of AmeriCorps is to help elementary students have a better learning experience. The elementary students are offered tutoring services, after school activities

and other educational services. AmeriCorps hopes these students will be given a richer school experience which will improve their capacity to learn.

Ms. Wendy Boyer, the assistant principal of Marrs Elementary, one of the four local elementary schools

UNO AmeriCorps is involved with, couldn't be happier with the program. She said, "The AmeriCorps students are providing a wonderful service for the children." They are also gaining beneficial experience with the teachers at Marrs."

Dr. Jeanette Seaberry, the program director of UNO AmeriCorps, said becoming involved with this program is like a regular job. "Students have the opportunity through the many benefits of AmeriCorps to expand themselves and to gain experience in the 'real world.'"

Among the many benefits are firsthand

Members of Americorps tutor math and reading in selected Omaha elementary schools.



teaching experience, educational awards, and scholarships. Members can also earn Stafford Loan forgiveness from the National Service Trust once they complete a service term of 900 hours over a period of two years. Students can also earn money toward tuition.

The minimum requirements to become active in AmeriCorps include being at least 17 years old, being a full-time UNO student and working 12 to 20 hours a week.

AmeriCorps was started in Sept. 1993, when President Clinton signed the National and Community Service Trust Act. The signing of this document created the Corporation for National and Community Service, otherwise known as the Corporation.

The Corporation, which spawned AmeriCorps, wanted Americans to become involved in all types of community service, including the education of America's youth.



Hundreds of UNO students faced long lines and waits this week as people finally began buying books for this semesters classes. Jennifer Nance looks at Biology books.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon

Faculty, staff and students are invited.
Monday January 19 Tickets \$7.50
Tickets must be purchased by noon
on Friday January 16.

Students Flying High at Aviation Institute

by Kim Schlingman

Remember a time in your life of perfect relaxation, of total freedom, of true inspiration?

For many people this time may occur at church or a defining moment in their life. For 22-year-old UNO student Dave Buse, it's every time he steps into an airplane's cockpit.

"When you get into a plane, you get to break all the rules," Buse said. "A pilot gets to enjoy a freedom very few people get to experience."

Buse always wanted to be a pilot. According to Buse, pursuing an aviation degree can be expensive, time consuming, and requires great discipline. But despite the rigors involved, he lives, eats and breathes flying through his courses in the UNO Aviation Institute.

The Aviation Institute began in September of 1990, with only five courses and a little over 100 students. The institute today has a faculty of five full-time professors and a large support staff.

It offers a bachelor of science in public administration with a specialization in flight or aviation administration. Both areas of concentration are also available through the College of Continuing Studies. The Aviation Institute offers paid graduate assistantships, student ambassador scholarships and other aviation-specific scholarship opportunities.

To become a pilot, said Buse, you have to sacrifice almost everything. "You eat ramen noodles for years, because your salary is so low."

The process of becoming a pilot is long. First, you must be enrolled in an accredited college. Then you locate a fixed-base operator (a flight school), and a certified flight instructor that you work well with. Buse said that is important, because he considers his

flight instructor his greatest support.

To get in to the institute, you first have to pass an aviation medical examination; then comes the accumulation of ratings.

To earn a private pilot's license, students must log at least 50 hours of flying time, in addition to their aviation courses, and become certified after passing their finals.

The private pilot rating is followed by commercial, instrumentation, multi-engine, certified flight instructor and finally an airline transport pilot license, or ATP. At that level of rating, the student has logged literally hundreds of flight hours, as well as passed the required classes, exams and certification.

Classes are taught mainly by hands-on learning, literally without boundaries. There are also tours and keynote speakers that include Federal Aviation Administration officials and other people in the industry.

"It's such a tight knit group," Buse says. "It's almost like being let in on a secret."

Buse's ultimate goal is to work for either U.S. customs or the Drug Enforcement Agency as a pilot. He also wants a family, despite the dangers of these professions.

"Being up in the air is so unpredictable," Buse says. "Once, during a training flight, I flew within 3 seconds of hitting a 737. I literally could see the whites of the pilot's and co-pilot's eyes."

According to Buse, aviation is an up and coming field and now is a good time to enroll in classes. He said that within the next 10 years, 75% of the current pilot pool will be retiring because of the mandatory retirement age of 60.

"Becoming a competent pilot requires a lot of hard work, dedication, patience and unfortunately.... money," Buse says. "But it is truly one of the most rewarding careers."

Is Greek Hell Week A Thing of the Past?

by Tim Mills

Hell Week.

These two simple words conjure up thoughts of horrifying ordeals. Tales of sororities and fraternities taking the initiation process a little too far run through the minds of students seeking to try on the greek life. Who knows what kinds of evil awaits behind the closed doors of that respected greek organization and its promises of a fulfilling college career.

Behind all the positive functions campus greeks perform — community service, campus involvement and stringent study hours — lies a dark reputation of unspeakable abuses cast down on the uninitiated.

Boyd Littrell, professor of sociology at UNO, describes hazing as a way of "getting you to do a bunch of nonsense stuff." He explains its purpose as to "change your defini-

tion of yourself" somewhat similar to a watered-down tribal rite of passage. In comparison to a young Native American boy hav-

a Total Institution," noted sociologist Louis A. Zurcher Jr. outlines the identity change process in a Navy boot camp. He argues that

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ing to survive against dangerous wild life and the elements, the "self-obliteration by drink" of today's hazing rituals seems ridiculous, Littrell said.

In an article titled, "Role Assimilation in

the change occurs in three forms: a challenge to an Individual's freedom of actions, a challenge to individual privacy and a challenge to an individual's image of himself / herself as an individual.

"The form may differ but the intent is the same" in all organizations where one must become a member of the group, Littrell said.

"All groups, whether it be Boy Scouts, fraternities or whatever, have the potential (for hazing)," said Mary Ann Holland, staff assistant for Greek Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Although hazing problems may seem widespread, school officials say it's not as prevalent as the public might think.

"I wouldn't say we see much at all," said Dan Bengé, associate director of residential and greek life at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Holland, who has worked in UNL's greek affairs office for 10 years, confirmed Bengé's observations. "There are no formal complaints on file. From time to time we hear about chapters who have parties in their basement or off-campus where fights occur or people get arrested." She was quick to point out these situations appear to be more social in nature and because of that are not considered hazing-related.

"It's almost switched over from hazing to horseplay," said Jeff Watkins, a former UNL fraternity pledge.

Watkins recalls being called names such as "bag," having to do the weekly house cleaning and late-night study sessions, but overall feels, "hazing has been reduced."

Both Kearney's Bengé and Watkins agree the mid-80s were the height of hazing problems and since then greek organizations have

taken it upon themselves to institute changes.

"I think the national organizations are fairly stringent when it comes to those issues," Bengé said. "When incidents do occur, the chapters and national organizations will deal with it pretty severely."

In fact, Nebraska has a law on the books that was drafted with the assistance of the Intra-Fraternity Council, which bars the practice of hazing. The law is fairly broad in its definition to rule out the possibility of incidents slipping through the cracks. The law classifies hazing as a class II misdemeanor and could mean a fine of up to \$10,000 for the organization involved. In addition, the law's text explicitly states, "consent shall not be a defense to a prosecution."

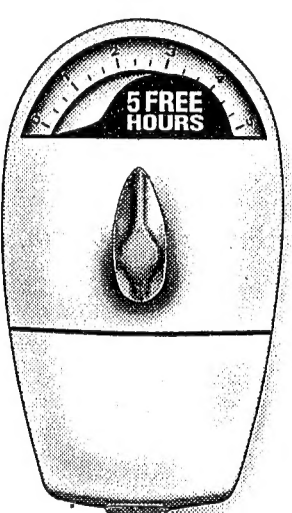
Other states, such as Missouri, have passed even stronger legislation. There, hazing is punishable by seven years in jail. These types of state laws, greeks' self-imposed rules and strong school policies have been an effective tool against hazing, Holland said. "There would be swift judicial action against any student or organization involved in such events."

Watkins sees a different reason for the decline. "There is not such a need to follow anymore," he said. "There are people coming out of high school with a lot more self-esteem and self-confidence. You don't need fraternities to gain stature anymore."

Hazing is motivated by tradition and the need to gain social status, Watkins said. "When I became an active, I felt a sense of pride, a sense of accomplishment and a sense of unity. But nothing happened to me (referring to acts of hazing), so I didn't feel the need to dish it out."

Lincoln's Holland encourages students and parents of students interested in joining a greek organization to ask specific questions about their hazing policies and practices. "Some kids and adults can be very skilled at lying, but most parents can see through that."

Many organizations have posted their hazing policies on their web sites in an attempt to rid themselves of this dark reputation. However, policies are not the best weapon against hazing, communication is, Holland said. "Open communication and discussion amongst student leaders is a better tool. It's when you start closing doors and keeping secrets — that's when you run into problems."



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UPI Science News (UPI)
WASHINGTON

Wondering if that college degree will help your love life? Hmm. A new study says that's not likely. In fact, Americans with the most education may be having the least amount of sex. The study finds that people who have been in graduate school have sex an average of 52 times a year. On the other hand, sexual activity is highest on average — 61 times a year — among people who have had only

some college. And they probably don't have nearly as much in student loans to pay back, either. More than 10,000 Americans were interviewed for the study over the course of 10 years by researchers at University of Maryland, College Park, and Pennsylvania State University. Results of the study appear in American Demographics.

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Help Available For Obsessive-Compulsives

By Vineta Pritchard

Have you ever been on your way to school and thought, "Did I turn off the iron?" or "Did I lock the doors?" Once you've gotten out of your car and walked away, have you gone back to your car because you couldn't remember if you locked the doors?

Most of us have suffered this usually harmless and occasional lapse of memory. Unfortunately, some people experience it much more often, and are held hostage to this kind of behavior. This obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) was brought to the public eye by the recent movie "As Good As It Gets." Jack Nicholson stars as a writer whose life, and everyone he comes into contact with, is affected by the disorder. While the movie tempers the disorder with humor, real life sufferers don't have the benefit of a funny script to make things easier.

According to the internet, obsessive-compulsive disorders cripple their prey by making victims unable to form intimate relationships with family and friends. Most of us are unfamiliar with how unpleasant worrying can truly be. But for someone with OCD, an everyday concern about whether they remembered to unplug the iron, or worrying about whether their spouse is upset, can cause major problems. And the thought that "it will blow over" doesn't hold true, since it will probably be replaced by some other "small" worry that will become inflated in the mind of the worrier.

The average person might worry about these things a bit, but would soon move past them after a little thought. But someone with OCD will be haunted that if they don't return home immediately to check on the iron, the entire house will burn down. They can become overwhelmed by the thought that if the door is unlocked, someone will break in and take everything.

The symptoms for OCD vary from "washers and cleaners", "worriers", "hoarders", "orderers", and "obsessive repeaters."

Washers and cleaners are consumed with contamination by objects or people. The washers and cleaners fear bodily secretions, germs, and diseases. To avoid contamination they will wash their hands excessively and shower for hours. The washing is done to prevent consequences such as illness or

even death. These individuals will even seal off rooms in their house to avoid contact with contamination. They may even refuse to touch any item that falls on the floor.

Hoarders collect everything (sometimes for decades, or even a lifetime) from newspapers to scraps of paper with the rationalization that they may need the article sometime in the future. Some hoarders collect so much they need to rent additional space.

Worriers and pure obsessives experience uncontrollable, repetitious and negative thoughts. These worries range from violent thoughts to simple everyday tasks or even failing at a future task. They repeat these activities with an intensity that may seem to others a desperation of some kind. While this may seem odd to the average person, repeated activities or rituals are reassuring and soothing ploys to fill an emptiness. This void may be bought on by lack of or impaired parenting in early childhood. Soothers might have been called upon because a needed parent figure was weak or missing. These individuals invent behaviors. Dependency upon the behaviors grows so obsessive the person is unable to reach out any longer. Some doctors feel insufficient parenting is on the rise in the United States.

When children are treated for OCD, doctors often require the parents to attend, as well.

In a release from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Dr. Bert Quintana, director of child adolescent services at Creighton University said, "Most people don't think of children and teenagers as having these types of diseases." However according to recent statistics one in 40 people may suffer from OCD in the United States alone.

"In fact," said Dr. Quintana, "more research is suggesting that these diseases may begin in childhood or adolescence."

It is important to stress that dependency and trust are a must to enable a child to risk change. OCD may make a person withdrawal from others because they are ashamed.

If you find yourself unable to avoid disturbing thoughts or tormented by the constant need to perform daily tasks, you are not alone. Millions of Americans suffer from OCD and may not even know it. A study is currently being conducted with the combined psychiatry departments of UNMC and Creighton. Study participants are needed who are not on medication at this time or are willing to stop medication for the study. The study will chart how effective a particular drug is that controls the disorder. OCD is considered an anxiety disorder. If you would like more information on OCD and think you would like to be involved in the study please call 595-1067.

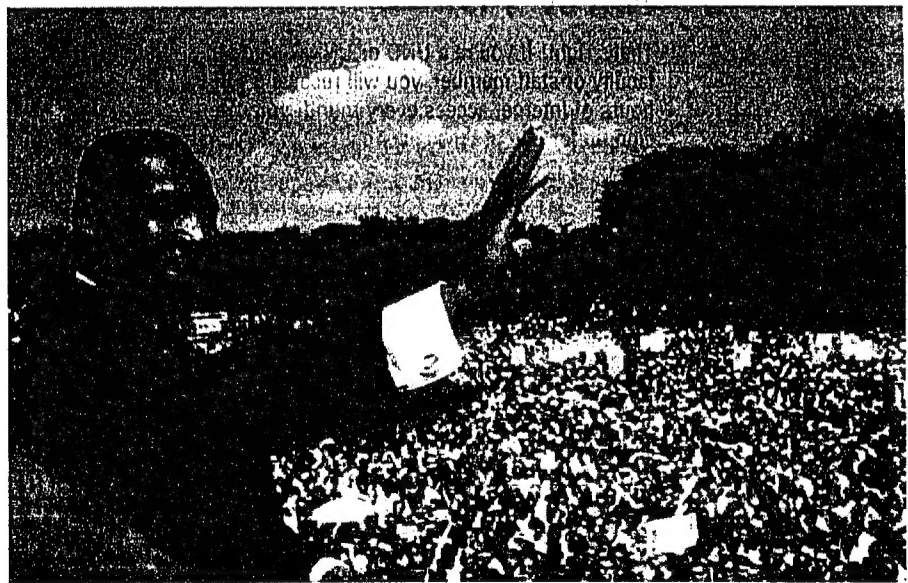
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Study Finds Freshmen Less Interested In Learning

By Christine Tatum CPS

Freshmen who entered college in 1997 are more competitive and materialistic than ever. They want good grades and advanced degrees because they want high-paying jobs, not because they love learning. And don't bother asking them about the finer points of politics and social issues, because most certainly don't seem to care. Or so suggests a long-standing study of first-year college students conducted by researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles. The study, considered the nation's most comprehensive

assessment of student attitudes and plans, surveyed more than 348,000 entering freshmen nationwide and represents the 1.6 million students who started school last fall. It doesn't exactly paint a flattering picture of the graduating class of 2001—all classmates of Chelsea Clinton. According to the study, first-year students are so disinterested in academics, government and social activism that they're more likely to frequently oversleep and miss class (34.5 percent) than to work on a political campaign (8.2 percent) or support causes devoted to cleaning up the environment (19.4 percent) and promoting racial understanding (an all-time low of 31.8 percent). "Sounds pretty accurate to me," said 18-year-old Jennifer Jones, a self-described goody-two-shoes at Indiana University who said she studies hard for the As and Bs she makes. "People want more things but are less willing to work for them because they just expect them to happen. And a lot of people I know are really good at faking it. If they do something, it's because it'll pay off for them somewhere else." Researchers at UCLA who conducted the study suspect she's right. They note that students' lack of interest in academia comes at a time when nearly half, 49.7 percent, say they'll maintain a B average in college. From there, the study reports, a record number of students plan to attend graduate school. Nearly 40 percent said they'll get their master's degrees, while another 15.3 percent say they won't settle

for anything less than a Ph.D. "Having an edge in the job market is the motivation here," said Alexander Astin, an UCLA professor and the study's founder. "It appears that what's good for the college application or the job application is what really counts. Look, for example, at the high level of students who aspire to get their Ph.D.," he continued. "The strange thing is that we aren't also seeing real interest in the

don't think Congress is focusing on the right things. Few things of any importance seem to get done." Added Jones: "With all the empty promises politicians make, they're getting to be no better than high school government. It all boils down to finger pointing and petty rivalries that prevent legislators from addressing things people really care about." Perhaps the only issue hot enough to get more students involved in the political process is the legalization of marijuana. Support has grown steadily throughout the 1990s. This year, more than 35 percent of students said they back the idea. Cigarette smoking also is more popular than ever. More than 16 percent of freshman said they smoke frequently. Women continue to light up more than men, with 17.3 percent reporting frequent smoking compared to 14.6 percent of men. "I think some of those

stats have something to do with being left off the leash," Weingarden said. "People can buy cigarettes for the first time, so they're going to. They know their parents aren't around to smell their clothes or rooms. It's their way of showing off their independence." While they may be establishing a few new boundaries, many students are becoming increasingly conservative about some social issues, the study indicates. Support for keeping abortion legal declined for the fifth consecutive year to 53.5 percent, the lowest level since 1979. And after nearly a decade of growing acceptance of gay and lesbian relationships, the percentage of those who believe it is "important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships" increased for the second straight year to 33.9 percent. "We've got to wake up, get students more engaged in service activities, encourage them to work collaboratively and be responsible for each other," Astin said. "In the meantime, we can't be too critical of the trends facing us. It's easy to put down students, but I think we're simply seeing a reflection of society."

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occupations where that degree is most appropriate, like teaching on the college level or scientific research. In fact, those occupations are near their lowest levels of student interest ever." So is politics. This year's freshmen demonstrated the lowest level of political interest in the history of the survey. Only 26.7 percent said they believe "keeping up to date with political affairs" is important, compared with 29.4 percent just last year and the high of 57.8 percent in 1966. "I'm not so fed up with politics as I am with the way everyone approaches it," said 18-year-old Claire Weingarden, a Syracuse University freshman. "I

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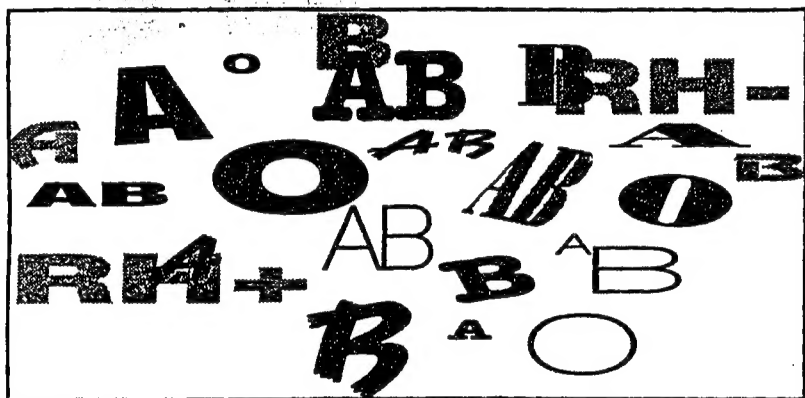
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by Christine Tatum CPS
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

John Lombardi, president of the University of Florida, was hosting a Christmas dinner party at his home when the subject of candidates in the running to become the university system's next chancellor came up. Lombardi referred to Adam Herbert, who later got the job, as an "Oreo ... black on the outside and white on the inside." It's a term that has become the late 20th century equivalent to "Uncle Tom." While colleagues say the racial remark is uncharacteristic of Lombardi — an educator with a strong track record of working to improve race relations — it is one that could cost him his job. The university system's board of regents — which hires and fires presidents and has had a rocky relationship with Lombardi — meets Thursday. Its chairman already has called for an investigation of the full context in which Lombardi spoke. "Whatever the context, my words were wrong and do not reflect my true feelings," Lombardi wrote in a letter of apology he sent to Adam. "I both regret them and am disappointed in myself for using them. "One of the things that Adam Herbert has done extraordinarily well over the years is deal with race and ethnicity in a very complex society," Lombardi later told the Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service. "I just picked the wrong shorthand" to de-

scribe his work. Herbert, who on Monday will become the first black chancellor to oversee Florida's 10 public universities and 220,000 students, had little to say Wednesday about Lombardi's remark. "I have received a letter from John Lombardi in which he expressed regrets for the inappropriate choice of words he has used in reference to me," Adam said. "I will have no comment on this letter until I have had an opportunity to sit down and have a discussion with John." Though his bold leadership style has gotten Lombardi into trouble in the past, black leaders and education officials haven't denounced him for the remark. "I hope people will judge him by his lifetime of work, not one unfortunate comment," said Linda Gray, director of the University of Florida's external communications. "He has appointed a woman to be provost, a woman to be the university's attorney and a woman, me, to head the public relations department." Lombardi is also known for helping establish a health care clinic for the predominantly minority-filled neighborhoods of eastern Gainesville. He also was the first white person asked to address black children at a local youth center. "He is widely respected," Gray said. "And he knows he made a mistake."

Career Center Worthwhile

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can find jobs, enhance job hunting skills, and learn about upcoming employment-oriented events. "For example, career fairs are held on campus in the fall and spring of each year," Nish said.

Not only does the Career Center hold their own career fair, this service also publicizes local career fairs as well. In addition to career fairs, the career center provides job postings both locally and nationally. According to recent numbers, over 900 UNO students attended "Hot Jobs On Ice," the fall career fair hosted by the career center.

The next career fair is scheduled for April 22.

The Career Center is located in Eppley Administration Building, room 111. Questions can be directed to Nancy Nish or any member of the Career Center staff by calling 554-2333.

Nish also said that the age of students whom the Career Center assists varies. "We (the Career Center) work with freshmen students, just starting out, and seniors nearing graduation," Nish said.

KBUL Hopes to Meet Expectations

by Jennifer Martini

KBUL will play just about every genre of music and hopefully boost many UNO student DJ's into successful careers.

A few of the artists you will hear on KBUL are Smashmouth, OMC, Buck o Nine, Everclear, The Verve, Funkdoobiest, 311, Live, U2, REM, Tonic and The Cure.

Allen Berglund, one of the DJ's, said, "I haven't done this before and it should be fun—hopefully. I'm doing this for the experience; a friend of mine told me about the station, I filled out an application, and it's been gravy ever since."

Joe Hammon, the programming director, said KBUL really started on Jan. 27, 1997.

He said, "I had an idea, talked to the right people and from there it escalated. A lot of people were instrumental in getting this project up and running, but there are three I would like to thank: Guy Conway, I brought my idea to him, he saw my initiative and respected that; Joan Villaneuva, the district human resources manager for UPS, has been very nice to us for the past year; and so has Chris Allen, our faculty sponsor." The students' support was also appreciated. "We got 1100 plus signatures to get this project kicked off," Hammon said.

Hammon said it is unprecedented for anyone to start a radio station in one year. "We are up and running in less than a year, and eventually we're going to try to turn this into a credit-earning activity."

There are 20-30 people on staff and they have all worked very hard.

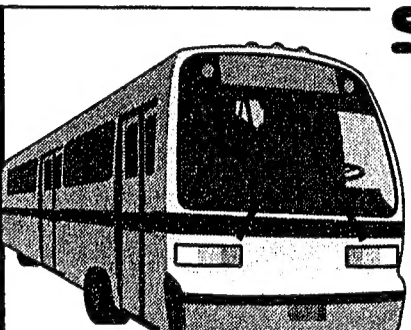
Hammon added, "We don't want to be known as what 'was,' we want to be known as what 'is.' I've gained personal satisfaction, which goes beyond the group. It's satisfying because I am a broadcasting major."

Station Manager Cris Harbold said, "Last spring I thought there should be a student radio on campus. I talked to the people at Student Programming Organization and they directed me to Joe Hammon. I worked at the Edge from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. the summer of 1996; that experience will help me while I'm here. I thought the station would do wonders for the atmosphere on campus. In hooking up with Joe and Pete Soby [the sales director], we had ideas, changes and thoughts, with keeping the students in mind."

He added, "In trying to give students what they want, we'll be more than happy to play what they want to hear—we're not radio gods who will say 'this is what you will listen to.' The staff has done so much, I can't begin to think of how well they've surpassed what we could, should and would have done."

Harbold suggested, "Don't judge the first week on air if it's a little rough around the edges. We are striving to impress people. Any comments are welcome, good or bad."

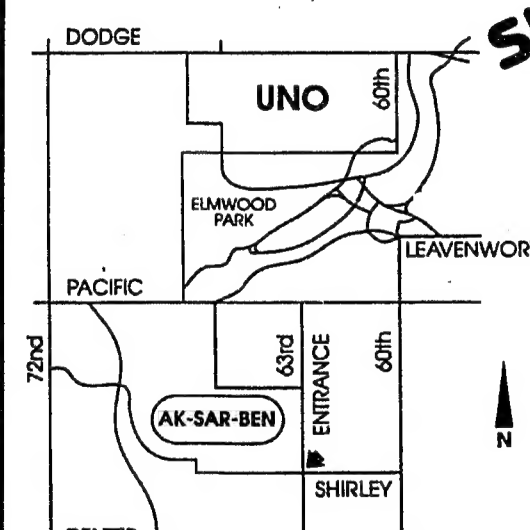
He stressed that this station is for the students. "Ultimately this was for the students. We have a very diversified campus and eventually we hope to make everyone happy."



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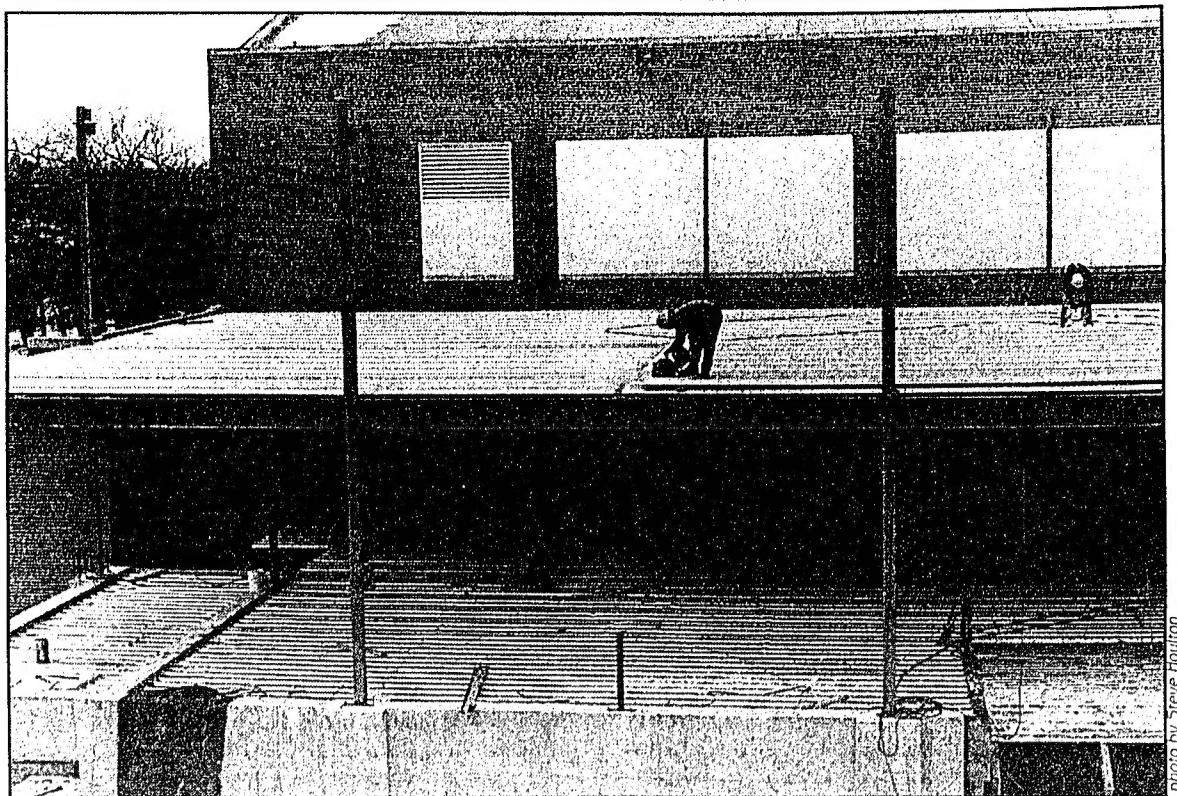
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Drinking Young Predicts Alcoholism

By Maggie Fox, Health and Science Correspondent
Reuter
WASHINGTON

The younger children or teenagers are when they start to drink, the more likely they are to become alcoholics, government researchers said on Wednesday. They said the unexpected findings were yet another reason to keep alcohol away from children. "The younger kids start drinking, the more likely they will develop alcohol dependence at some time in their lives," said Bridget Grant, who led the study by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Children who started drinking before the age of 15 were four times more likely to become alcoholics, formally known as alcohol dependent, as those who started at 21. The risk that a person would abuse alcohol was doubled in people who started drinking before 15 compared to those who waited until the current legal drinking age of 21. "These are whopping statistics and a very strong association," Grant told a news conference. The effect held strong when factors like sex, race, age, duration of drinking and family history were accounted for, Grant said. The volunteers were not asked how much and how often they drank. "Some people will say didn't we know this? Well, we didn't know this," said Dr. Enoch Gordis, director of the NIAAA. A 13-year-old who has started drinking has a 28

percent chance of becoming an alcoholic if there is no family history of alcohol abuse. Among 13-year-olds with a family history of alcohol problems the risk is 58 percent, with an average risk of 43 percent for all 13-year-olds. This drops dramatically to about 10 percent of people who started to drink at 21. "At this point we can't tell you the reasons. We can only speculate on what they might be," Gordis added. "One possibility is the later you start, the less time you have to establish a habit of drinking before protective mechanisms kick in, such as your first job." Or the young brain may be more susceptible to the influence of alcohol, he added. Dr. Mary Dufour, deputy director of the NIAAA, said many underage children drank. "Alcohol is America's No. 1 drug of choice," Dufour said. "In 1987 nearly half of eighth graders...said they had used alcohol sometime in their lives," she added. "These numbers scare me." The NIAAA researchers took information from 43,000 people surveyed face-to-face by the U.S. Census Bureau. Among the questions in the 110-page survey were queries about when a person

first started drinking — excluding the occasional sip or taste as part of family or religious events. They said the margin of error was very low — less than three percent. They cited statistics showing alcohol abuse among the young was associated with risky sex, leading to teen-age pregnancy and exposure to the HIV virus that causes AIDS. It was also strongly linked with violence, depression and suicide. "The main reason for prevention is that

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it's a disaster in the young, independent of this issue," Gordis said. "We need to be vigorous in our enforcement of laws that are meant to protect young people from access to alcohol," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said in a statement. "And we need to avoid glamorization of drinking, including misleading linkages between sports and alcohol." Grant said other countries such as France and Italy, where drinking was accepted at younger ages, were experiencing similar problems with alcohol abuse.



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Dethroned Miss Colorado Refused to be a Puppet

Opinion by Rosemary Harris
The Gazette (KRT)

She went to the pageant as herself. No big hair. No heavy-duty makeup. She didn't diet herself into a waif. She didn't pretend to be a glamour girl. "I'm always me. I guess I can't be anyone except me."

Those who've followed the news about Regina "Miss Colorado" Flores should know that this is the heart of the matter. Regina Flores remained true to herself.

That's why she faces a legal battle with the Miss Colorado Scholarship Program.

Program officials announced on Christmas Eve that Miss Colorado had been deposed.

Beauty queens losing titles is old news. Crowns are routinely snatched for all manner of pageant high crimes and misdemeanors.

But Regina Flores lost her crown because of who she is — an assertive, self-assured, take-charge kind of woman. There appears to be little tolerance for that in the pageant industry.

Regina Flores knows from whence she came. Her father, an ex-military man who's now a painting contractor, moved his family from

Las Vegas, N.M., to Colorado Springs in 1984. His goal was better opportunities for his children.

By high school, his daughter had received a golden opportunity: a full academic scholarship to the prestigious Colorado Springs School. To pay expenses not covered by the scholarship, the father bartered his painting skills; the mother, a teacher, sold homemade salsa.

Still, like many students, Regina Flores suffered from a lack of direction. That changed after the accident.

On the evening of her senior prom, she was a passenger in a vehicle that went out of control and rolled over. She heard the crush. Saw the windows as they shattered. Felt herself half outside, half inside.

"As the car was about to roll a second time, I felt two strong hands pull me back inside.

It was a miracle. I feel those were the hands of God."

It wasn't long before she de-

cided to redirect her life, become more active in church and community work, including dropout prevention. And it wasn't long before she began competing in pageants.

"For me, it was a way to earn money for college. Of course, there are other ways to get scholarships. But this was something I thought I

sume her year as Miss Colorado.

"I knew it would change my life. But I never imagined what that would ultimately mean."

She suspended her music education studies at the University of Colorado in anticipation of a busy year.

But being Miss Colorado mostly meant waiting by the phone. Waiting for Colorado pageant officials to book appearances, speaking and singing engagements for her. Waiting in vain.

But Regina Flores is not a waiting kind of woman. She secured her own gigs, many of them nonpaid.

There she was, entertaining patients in nursing homes and hospitals, speaking to children about what it means to be Miss Colorado, the first Hispanic woman crowned in the pageant's 51-year-history.

Program officials didn't like a Miss Colorado booking her own appearances. Besides, it was a vio-

lation of her contract, which plainly says Miss Colorado shouldn't do anything unless somebody else tells her to do it.

A pretty puppet on a string.

That's not Regina Flores, who this month resumed her studies at the University of Colorado.

Pageant bigwigs always mouth platitudes. About the contemporary "scholarship" queen. The '90s style, assertive woman, with passionate ideals and the ability to relate to all kinds of people, to plot a path for herself.

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What will "Miss Colorado" have to be like from now on? That's something all those young women with runway dreams must think about.

Regina Flores doesn't. She knows who she is.

Regina Flores lost her crown because of who she is — an assertive, self-assured, take-charge kind of woman. There appears to be little tolerance for that in the pageant industry.

would enjoy and do well at."

She excelled, winning first and second runner-up awards. Still, it took four years before she walked away with the Miss Colorado title. She went to Atlantic City for the Miss America Pageant. Didn't win. Had a great time, nonetheless. Returned to Colorado Springs to re-

International & National News Briefs

First Lady Denies Everything

WASHINGTON

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has denied under oath knowing anything about White House acquisition of F.B.I. background files on employees of past Republican administrations.

A source who was at the interview also says Mrs. Clinton again denied a role in the hiring of a White House personnel security chief who had a key role in obtaining the files. Mrs. Clinton was interviewed about the files today by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr in the White House residence.

Maine Stoics Still Without Power

PORTLAND, Maine

Freezing temperatures, bone-chilling winds, and additional power outages are making the job more difficult for repair crews working to restore electricity in Maine.

About 230,000 people still are without power after last week's ice storm. Maine Governor Angus King has asked the Air Force to airlift additional repair crews from North Carolina. King says having the North Carolina crews drive would take too long.

U.N. Condemns Iraq Standoff

UNITED NATIONS

In a formal statement today, the U.N. Security Council deplored Iraq's barring of an American-led weapons inspection team.

The statement called Baghdad's action unacceptable and a clear violation of U.N. resolutions.

In Iraq, the inspection team led by American Scott Ritter was prevented from doing its work for the second straight day. And Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz renewed Iraq's complaint that the majority of inspectors are Americans and Britons.

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Mavs Look to Kick Some Dairy-Air

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav hockey team will face their third top ten team in a series when they face-off against the No. 7 Wisconsin Badgers in a home-and-home series that opens tonight in Madison, Wis. and concludes Sunday afternoon in the Civic Auditorium.

The Mavs stand at 5-14 in their inaugural season and are on an eight game losing streak while the Badgers are 13-6-1 on the year and coming off of a 5-2 win and a 2-2 tie against Minnesota-Duluth.

This is only home-and-home series of the season, and Mav head coach Mike Kemp welcomes this unique opportunity.

"I like a home-and-home like this," Kemp said, "this team performs better in the first game of a series and I view this as two first games."

Kemp and Wisconsin have a history together as he was an assistant coach on the 1990 NCAA champi-

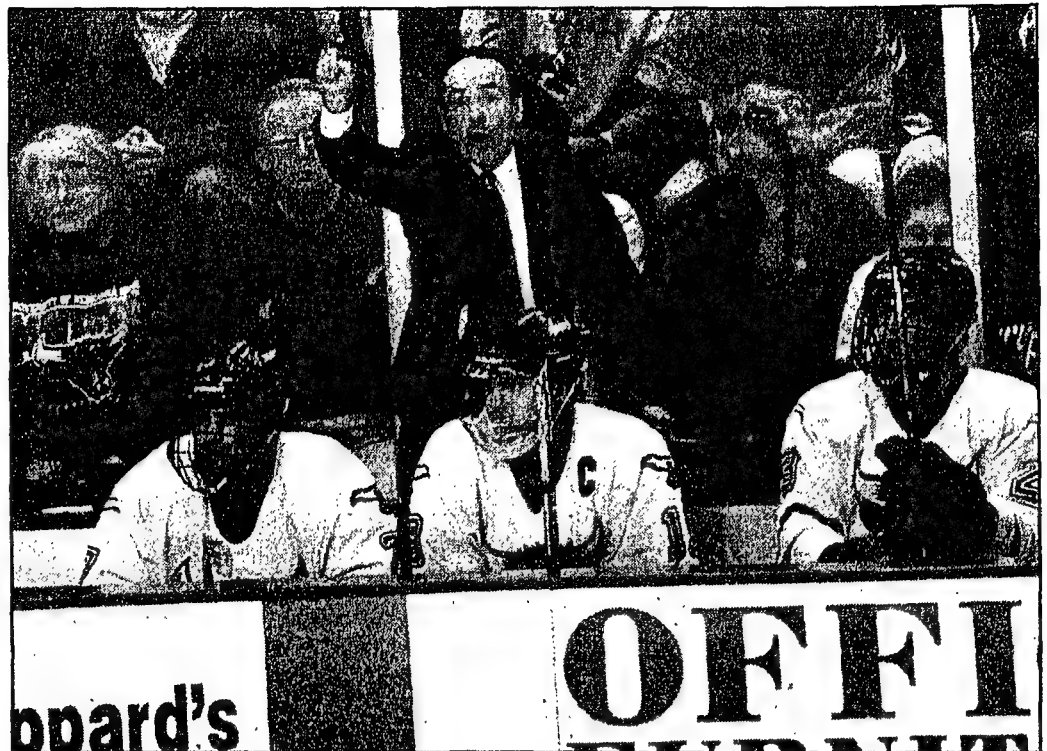
onship team. One of the players on that team was Mav assistant coach Steve Rohlik. That history was key in setting up this series.

"It was the only way to get Wisconsin into this building," Kemp said.

The Badgers are led by the top two scorers in the conference, Craig Anderson and Steve Reinprecht. Anderson has 19 points in 14 games while Reinprecht has 18 in the same 14 games. In goals, sophomore Mike Valley ranks fourth in the WCHA with a goals against average of 2.46 and a record of 7-3-1 in 11 starts.

The key to keeping the Mavs in the game has been the steady goaltending of Jason Mitchell. Mitchell has been keeping the Mavs in games all season long and has put together back-to-back 35 save efforts in the St. Cloud series last weekend. Despite a 3-10 mark, Kemp will go with the junior in the

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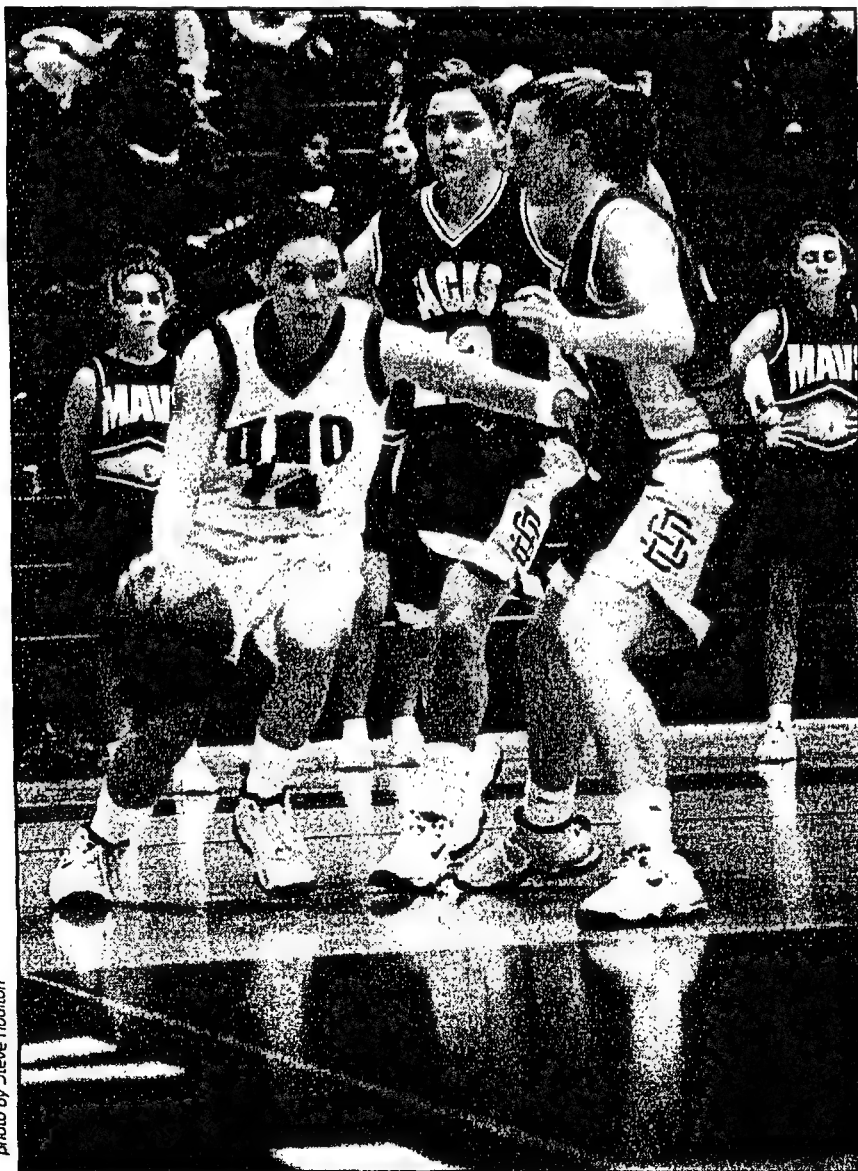


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On the Road...Again

Hoopsters travel to Northern Colorado

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav basketball teams head west to Greeley, Colo. to take on the Bears in a North Central Conference match-up that tips off at 7 p.m. for the women and 9 p.m. for the men tomorrow night.

The women's team is coming off of a 72-52 loss against Augustana and stand at 8-7 on the year (2-4 in the North Central Conference seventh place, one game behind fifth place St. Cloud State). The Bears are ranked No. 16 in the nation at 14-1 and lead the NCC at 6-0. The Lady Mavs look to break out of their current four game skid that has lasted all of 1998 to this point.

The leader of the Bears is Missy McVoy. She leads the NCC at almost 19 points per game and 4.5 rebounds. McVoy, a senior guard, is one of five Bears who averages in double figures offensively. Center Cathy Bowles, a junior, checks in at 11.9 points per game, senior forward Jennifer Altman adds 12 points per outing, sophomore Kara Ketterer averages 11.4 points a game, and sophomore

Marianne Clark contributes 10.5 points per game.

The Mav team is being led by Jacinda Van Fossen who averages 15 points per game in conference play. Kim Birkel (13.7) and Sarah Larson (11.2) are the only two other Lady Mavs who average over 10 points a game in the NCC. As a team, the Mavs average 71.5 points per game while giving up 79.5 per game. The Bears outscore their opponents by an average of 23.5 points in the NCC and almost 30 overall.

On the men's side of the court the Mavs are going to slug it out with the Bears to see who stays out of the NCC cellar. Both squads enter the contest at 2-4 in conference, half a game ahead of last place Augustana.

This is the first meeting of the year between the two teams. Last year, the Bears took both games against the Lady Mavs. The Mavs last win over the Bears in Greeley was in the end of the 1991-92 season when they posted a 83-66 victory.

The Mavs are at 8-7 and

are fresh off of a 90-80 win over visiting Augustana on Saturday night that ended the team's four-game slide and gave them their first win in 1998. The Bears come off of a loss against undefeated South Dakota State that dropped them to 9-6 on the year.

The Bears lead the NCC in free throw percentage at .824 and in total defense with 71.83 points allowed per game. Their leader is senior guard Antwine Williams who averages 21.5 points per game.

The good news for the Mavs is that Charles Box returns to the lineup this week after sitting out the last two games with an ankle injury suffered in the first half against South Dakota State last Friday.

This is the first meeting between the two teams this year. The Mavs split the season series with the Bears. The Mavs won in Omaha 85-68, but lost at Greeley by a count of 76-71.

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Ready, Set, Go!

Track and field is off and running
by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav track and field team is ready to begin their indoor season tomorrow morning at the Ward Haylett invite in Doane, Neb.

The Mavs return most of their team from a year ago highlighted by six All-Americans. They will be a key part of getting the Mavs "over the top" of the conference heap in 1998. They are Tara Biloft, Carri Butler, Sandy Derby, Jamie Erker, Kelly Koziol and Katie McDonnell.

One All-American who did not return was Theresa Williams in the shot put and according to head coach Tim Hendricks, it may be a sore spot for the team this year.

"I hope the new kids will score to pick up the slack (from Williams' departure)," Hendricks said.

The "kids" he was referring to are juniors Jamie Cason and Jenny Bartak, who will be asked to step up to fill the hole. Hendricks feels that "Cason could be one of the best three in the conference."

The strength of the Mavs is the running part of the program. The team features several runners who also competed in cross country this season as well and that will give the Mavs an edge in the longer distances.

"From the 200 to the 5,000, we have depth in the whole area," Hendricks said.

That depth would be in the form of Biloft (mile and cross country runner), Butler (200/400), Elise Henry, an All-American in 1996, (mile/800) and newcomer Janelle Treat of Omaha Burke (cross country/800).

The shorter sprints and jumps may also prove to be a weakness of the team. Hendricks noted that "the 55 is a question mark this year" and the jumps were weak last year.

One of the women that will be looked to for a better performance is sophomore Chady Craig in the triple jump. She peaked at 30-10 3/4" at the conference meet last year and Hendricks is predicting that she may top 38 feet by the end of the year.

The Mavs have set a goal of winning the indoor conference meet at Fargo, N.D. and the indoor nationals at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind. in a one week span in the month of March.

The drive to this goal began back in September when the team began their training program to prepare for the season. It even goes back as far as mid-June when they all took part in a 12-week independent training session.

The team finished second in the conference last year, just being edged out of the top spot by South Dakota 105-101, and took eight runners to the individual national meet last year.

Look for the conference race to be a three-way dog-fight between the Mavs, South Dakota and North Dakota State. Those were the top three teams at both the indoor and outdoor conference meet a year ago.

Hendricks has a lot of optimism about the upcoming year.

"This is potentially the best group of kids I've had," Hendricks said, "and we're looking forward to a great year."

Tortorella's Tuesday



Maverick center Andrew Tortorella had a day of decisions on Tuesday that were a little more important than what to have for lunch.

Tortorella was going to pack it in and head to Quinnipiac College in Connecticut so he could be closer to his family in Glen Head, N.Y.

That was in the morning. Later in the day he changed his mind again, following a call to head coach Mike Kemp, and is going to stay on with the Mavs for the remainder of the season.

"It was strictly his decision," Kemp said, "He didn't want to transfer and he had the sense to change his mind before it was irreversible."

Tortorella has been a fan favorite since his days with the Omaha Lancers in the United States Hockey League. He is the team's fourth leading scorer at this point in the season.

Kemp and Tortorella have been together for a long time. Tortorella was in the U.S. Hockey League with the Lancers and was a fan favorite.

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Athletes of the Week

Conklin, Malone, Creighton, and La Rock win honors

by Andy Nordmeier

In an effort to better recognize outstanding individual performances, the *Gateway* sports department has chosen to begin this program to give the athletes more than just a line of text in the paper.

Usually, there will be two athletes chosen, one male and one female, but this week there were so many outstanding efforts that there will be four.

For the women, the award goes to **sophomore Kristy Malone** and **senior Kate Conklin** of the swimming and diving team. Both turned in stellar performances by winning three meets each against Nebraska-Kearney and Conklin also won a fourth event of the weekend by taking the 100-meter butterfly on Saturday night.

Coach Todd Samland has his own take about both swimmers.

"She has had some good swims," Samland said about Malone, "and still shows potential for drops in times in the next four to five weeks (before the conference meet)."

For the women, the award goes to **sophomore Kristy Malone** and **senior Kate Conklin** of the swimming and diving team. For the men it went to **wrestlers Junior Braumon Creighton** and **Freshman Mack La Rock**.



meets in the week by winning against Northern Colorado and losing to St. Cloud State. He posted a 5-1 record for the week and is well on his way to his third straight 30-win season. Currently, he is at 21-2. This could be why he is nicknamed "Prime Time." He will return down to his usual 134-pound class for today's meet against Mankato State and tomorrow's meet against Augustana held at Millard South High School.

Head coach Mike Denney had this to say about Creighton, "He had to rely on quickness and slickness to perform well at 142 pounds."

Freshman Mack La Rock is in his second year with the Mavs and also posted a five-win weekend as well. He finished 5-0 with wins over Northern Colorado, St. Cloud, and an appearance in the finals in his 118-pound division. He was into the final round of the Brand Open before being forced to withdraw with an ankle injury. He should be back for this weekend's meets. The "Mack Attack" is a key part of the team as the first wrestler out on the mat. La Rock was red-shirted last season, but he did post a 21-8 record in 1996-97.

"He is a great starter," Denney said, "and it is important to have someone with that ability to come out and get the team started."

On Conklin, "She is at a point to start to hone in on mental skills and readiness (for conference)," Samland said.

The inaugural winners for the men are a pair of wrestlers that showed endurance, stamina, and their mat prowess in their sequence of two dual meets and an open meet in the last week.

Junior Braumon Creighton, wrestling at 142 pounds this past weekend, took home the championship in his weight class at the Glen Brand Open held Saturday. He split his dual



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net this weekend.

"He has been playing outstanding all season," Kemp said. "He's consistent and I know what I'll be getting every night (from him)."

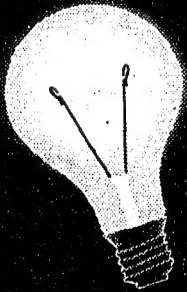
Another plus for the Mavs is the return of center Vic Sharma and his creativity on the offensive end of the rink. Sharma did play last weekend against St. Cloud, his first action since suffering a concussion against Denver on Nov. 15.

One of the sore spots for the Mavs is their special teams. Kemp acknowledges the fact that this has not been one of the Mavs better areas this season.

"The last thing to come along are the special situations," Kemp said, "We have given up few five-on-five goals in relation to the total number."

Despite the record, Kemp still is very positive about the team and its progress.

"None of this comes as a shock," Kemp said, "but we can play head to head with top-notch teams."



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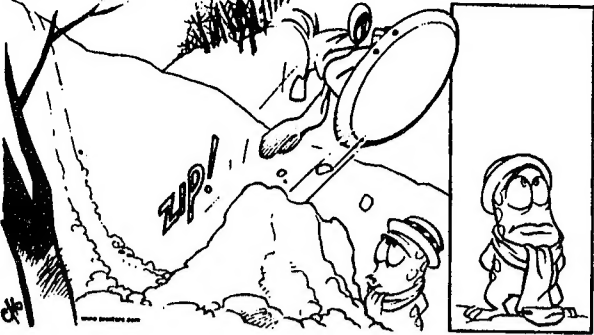
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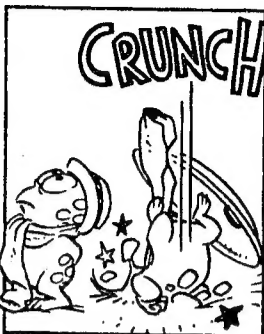
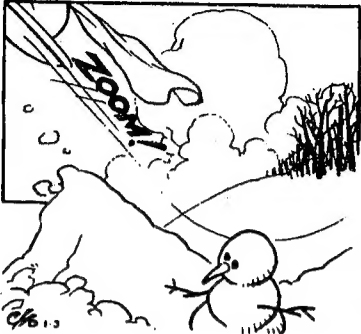


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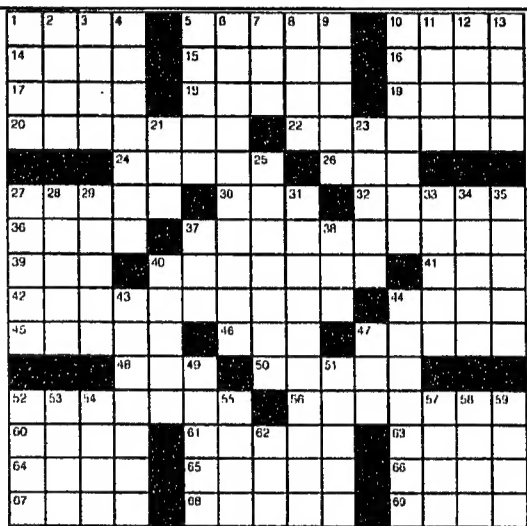
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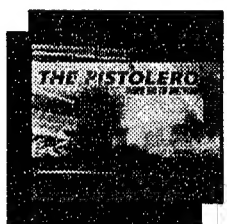
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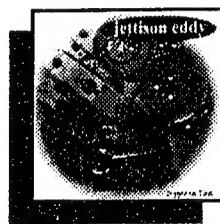
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This Omaha based trio is quickly becoming known for its soulful, guitar-bass-drums oriented pop, which packs powerful vocals and tight harmonies. Since the band's inception in near-by Hastings, just nine months ago (April '97), National B has already enjoyed an impressive beginning. A great addition to the LINOMA music scene and a must for those who love music.

ALTERNATIVE/LOCAL



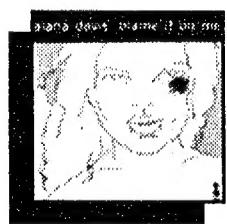
Saddle Creek Records' Sampler CD showcases seven of the finest Omaha/Lincoln bands including Lullaby for the Working Class, Cursive, Commander Venus, The Faint, Park Ave., Gabardine, and Bright Eyes. The 14 songs on this CD vary between the acoustic orchestrations of Lullaby, the 80's inspired sounds of Park Ave., and the thunderous anthems of Cursive.

ALTERNATIVE/ROCK



Blink 182 formed solely so that Tom, Mark and Scott could meet more women and still get to play in dirt. Involved in the boardsport community, Blink 182 have toured the U.S., with the likes of NOFX and Pennywise and have toured internationally throughout Canada, Australia and Japan.

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This is Alana Davis' Elektra debut and it's a remarkable collection that introduces a talent wise beyond her years! Drawing on influences as diverse as Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell and Charlie Parker, Alana's songs are smart, hip and soulful and they highlight her earthy, sensuous voice...

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